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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examining this application, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-23 without prejudice or disclaimer. Please add Claims 24-44, as follows:

24. An oligonucleotide comprising 7 to 17 nucleotides, wherein the oligonucleotide binds to a nucleic acid which codes for one of the isoforms of human tenascin or parts thereof and inhibits its expression, and the physiologically tolerable salts of the oligonucleotide.